

## Appendix L

### INFORMATION SHARING AND CONSULTATION PROTOCOL

This Information Sharing and Consultation Protocol (“Protocol”) is adopted in accordance with the Decree, including, but not limited to, Paragraphs 23.1 and 23.2 thereof. Each term defined in the Decree shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Decree when used in this Protocol.

The provisions of this Protocol are intended to facilitate implementation of the Decree, but shall not relieve any Party of any obligation it has under the Decree. Further, nothing in this Protocol shall preclude consultation or information sharing among the Parties in addition to the consultation and information sharing provided for herein.

In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the Decree and the provisions of this Protocol, the provisions of the Decree shall be controlling.

The Parties shall review the terms of this Protocol every five years, and may modify it at any time by mutual agreement.

#### I. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1.1 The Parties hereby establish the Executive Council to facilitate consultation and exchange of information among the Parties under the Decree.

1.2 The Executive Council shall consist of the chairpersons of the Tribes, the Director of MDNR, and the Secretary of the Interior, or their duly authorized representatives.

1.3 The Executive Council shall meet and confer as necessary, but in no event less than annually, to review the status of inland resources, the implementation of the Inland Consent Decree, and any matters appropriate for consideration by the Parties at the policy level.

1.4 The Executive Council shall provide a forum for policy-level discussions, but shall not have any decision-making authority unless otherwise expressly agreed by all of the Parties.

## II. CONSULTATION REGARDING CREATION OR EXPANSION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL USE AREAS

2.1 The State shall notify the Tribes and the United States in writing as soon as possible of any proposal made or undergoing substantive review by the State to create a new or expand an existing State park, wildlife refuge, formally designated wildlife research area or formally designated fisheries research area in the 1836 Ceded Territory, and in any event shall notify the Tribes and the United States at least 90 days before approving any such proposal.

2.2 Upon the written request of any Tribe, the State shall respond in writing to any questions the Tribes may have regarding the proposal. Further, within 30 days of receiving notice from the State under Paragraph 2.1 of this Protocol, any Tribe may request a meeting with the State in order to discuss the proposal and its effects on the exercise of the Tribes' rights under the Decree. The meeting shall take place within 30 days of the date of the Tribe's request for a meeting under this Paragraph 2.2. Upon the request of any Tribe, the MDNR Director, or his or her authorized representative, shall attend the meeting. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 2.2.

2.3 The notices required under Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 of this Protocol shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

## III. FISH BEING TARGETED FOR ERADICATION OR REDUCTION

3.1 The State shall notify the Tribes and the United States in writing of any plans to target any species or stock of fish from a particular water body for eradication or reduction under

Section VIII (Disease Control) or Paragraph 11.2(a) of the Decree, provided that nothing in this Paragraph shall be construed to require the State to provide notice to the Tribes and the United States of an emergency eradication or reduction of fish from a particular water body. When required, such notice of eradication or reduction plans may be provided through the transmission of work plans by May 1 of each year or by other means so long as the notice is provided at least 90 days notice before such eradication or reduction plans are carried out. The State shall also notify the Tribes and the United States of any plans to rescind a plan to target any species or stock of fish from a particular water body for eradication or reduction under Section VIII (Disease Control) or Paragraph 11.2(a) of the Decree. The notices required by this Paragraph shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

3.2 The Tribes shall notify the State and the United States in writing at least 45 days in advance if they intend to authorize their members to commercially harvest fish identified in a notice provided under Paragraph 3.1 of this Protocol and/or to use impoundment nets or gill nets to harvest such fish. The notices required under this Paragraph shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

3.3 If one or more Tribes notify the State that they intend to authorize their members to commercially harvest fish identified in a notice provided under Paragraph 3.1 of this Protocol, the State and the affected Tribes shall develop a mutually agreeable mechanism to assure that the harvested fish are from the particular water body identified in the notice in the period before the Tribal authorization becomes effective. In the event of a disagreement regarding such a mechanism, and upon the request of any Tribe, the MDNR Director or his or her authorized

representative shall consult with the Tribes in effort to resolve such disagreement. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in the development of such a mechanism and in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 3.3.

#### IV. EMERGENCY PROHIBITIONS OF COHO HARVESTS IN THE PLATTE RIVER

4.1 The State shall inform the Tribes as soon as possible of an impending emergency regulation prohibiting harvests of Coho salmon in portions of the Platte River and shall provide written notice to the Tribes and the United States in the event it adopts such an emergency regulation in accordance with Paragraph 10.3 of the Decree, and shall document the basis for such emergency regulation. The notice required under this Paragraph shall be sent via facsimile and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

4.2 Upon receipt of a notice provided under Paragraph 4.1 of this Protocol, the Tribes shall adopt an emergency regulation prohibiting harvests of Coho salmon in portions of the Platte River in accordance with Paragraph 10.3 of the Decree on the next business day or as soon thereafter as practicable, but in any event within three business days of receipt of such notice.

4.3 The State shall notify the Tribes and the United States if it rescinds its prohibition or if sufficient egg collection is assured for the year, whichever occurs first, as provided in Paragraph 10.3 of the Decree. The notice required by this Paragraph shall be delivered to the Tribes and the United States within 24 hours of such rescission or assurance, and shall be sent via facsimile and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

V. TRIBAL CHINOOK HARVESTS IN PORTIONS OF THE LITTLE MANISTEE RIVER

5.1 On or before June 30 of each year, the State shall notify the Tribes and the United States in writing of the number of Chinook salmon returning to the Little Manistee River weir in the preceding year. The notice required under this Paragraph shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

5.2 On or before July 31 of each year, the State and the Tribes shall confer regarding the seasonal and weekly harvest limits prescribed in subparagraph 10.3(b) of the Decree for the current year, and seek to resolve any disagreement with respect thereto. In the event they are unable to resolve any such disagreement, the MDNR Director and the Little River Band's Natural Resources Director or their authorized representatives, as well as representatives from other interested Tribes, shall confer in an effort to resolve the disagreement. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 5.2.

5.3 The State shall send the notices required by Subparagraphs 10.3(b) and 10.3(c) of this Protocol within 24 hours of meeting its egg-take quota for the year via facsimile and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

5.4 If the State seeks to prohibit the harvest of Chinook salmon by Tribal members in portions of the Little Manistee River in a particular year under Subparagraph 10.3(d) of the Decree, it shall provide written notice to the Tribes and the United States that it intends to prohibit the harvest of Chinook salmon by State-licensed fishers and document the basis for its concern that adequate egg collection is threatened in that year. The notices required by this

Paragraph shall be sent via facsimile and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol. Upon the request of any Tribe, the State and the Tribes shall meet as soon as practicable, and in any event within one week of the date of receipt of such notice, to discuss the need for such a prohibition. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 5.4.

5.5 The five-year review provided for in Subparagraph 10.3(e) of the Decree shall take place at or in conjunction with a meeting of the Executive Council. The State and the Tribes shall notify each other and the United States in writing of any questions or concerns they have regarding the harvest estimation methodology, harvest limits, and weekly harvest distributions described in Subparagraph 10.3(b) of the Decree or their impacts on harvest opportunities for Tribal members or egg collection at least 90 days in advance of the designated meeting, and shall respond in writing to any such questions and provide a copy of any such response to the United States at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. The notices and responses required by this Paragraph shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 5.5.

## VI. LONG-TERM EGG COLLECTION FOR CHINOOK SALMON

6.1 The State and the Tribes shall notify each other and the United States in writing if they have concerns regarding adequate egg collection for Chinook salmon to provide for future statewide fish runs and adequate harvest levels for all users over the long-term. The notices required by this Paragraph shall identify the basis for the concerns and possible solutions, and

shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

6.2 Upon receipt of a notice under Paragraph 6.1 of this Protocol, the State and the Tribes shall meet and confer in a timely manner about appropriate adjustments to State and Tribal harvests in Waters in which fish destined for the State's egg-collection facilities are harvested. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 6.2.

## VII. SPECIAL FISHING DESIGNATIONS AND REGULATIONS

7.1 The State shall notify the Tribes and the United States in writing as soon as possible of any proposal: (a) to designate additional trout streams as Types 5, 6 or 7; (b) to designate additional Type D lakes; (c) to adopt additional restrictions on spearing of northern pike or muskellunge; or (d) to designate additional quality lakes under Paragraphs 10.4, 10.5, 10.6 or 10.7 of the Decree, and in any event shall notify the Tribes and the United States at least 90 days before approving any such proposal. The notices required under this Paragraph shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

7.2 Upon the request of any Tribe, the State shall respond in writing to any questions the Tribes may have regarding the proposal, and shall meet with the Tribes upon request of any Tribe to discuss the proposal and its effects on the exercise of the Tribes' rights under the Decree. The meeting shall take place within 60 days of the date of the notice provided to the Tribes and the United States under Paragraph 7.1 of this Protocol. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 7.2.

7.3 If the State adopts any such proposal, the Tribes shall consider adopting regulations that are no less restrictive than those adopted by the State in accordance with Paragraphs 10.4, 10.5, 10.6 and 10.7 of the Decree.

#### VIII. TRIBAL NOTICE OF CERTAIN FISHING ACTIVITIES

The Tribes shall provide the notices of Fishing activities required by Subparagraphs 10.9(e) (certain walleye harvests in bays de Noc tributaries), 11.7(g) (certain steelhead harvests in Protected Streams) and 12.5 (certain uses of Spears or Impoundment Nets) of the Decree to the State by electronic mail or other mutually agreeable methods to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol, within the time frames specified in the Decree.

#### IX. TRIBAL WALLEYE HARVESTS IN TRIBUTARIES TO THE BAYS DE NOC

9.1 The Tribes shall provide the final harvest reports required by Subparagraph 10.9(f) of the Decree to the State by first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

9.2 The Tribes and the State shall notify each other and the United States by July 1 of the year preceding the year in which the harvest is to occur if they believe an estimate of abundance of adult walleye in a tributary subject to Subparagraph 10.9(g) of the Decree suggests that Tribal members may harvest walleye using Hook-and-Line Gear outside State seasons or Spears on such tributary. The notices required by this Paragraph shall explain the basis for the estimate of abundance and any proposal for such harvests and shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.



9.3 Upon request of the State or any Tribe, the State and Tribes shall meet to discuss whether to implement the proposed harvest. The meeting shall take place before December 1 of the year in which the notice was provided under Paragraph 9.2 of this Protocol. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 9.3.

9.4 The fifteen-year review provided for in Subparagraph 10.9(h) of the Decree shall take place at or in conjunction with a meeting of the Executive Council or at such other time that is convenient for the State and the Tribes. The State and the Tribes shall notify each other and the United States in writing of any questions or concerns they have regarding walleye abundance in tributaries to the bays de Noc, the adequacy of Tribal harvest opportunities, and other relevant factors at least 120 days in advance of the designated meeting, and shall respond in writing to any such questions at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. The notices and responses required under this Paragraph shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

## X. STEELHEAD

The annual review and consultation required by Subparagraph 11.7(i) of the Decree shall take place at or in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Executive Council or at such other time that is convenient for the State and the Tribes. The State and the Tribes shall notify each other and the United States in writing of the results of the periodic peer review required under Subparagraph 11.7(b) of the Decree, additional information obtained through research or assessment by the State or the Tribes regarding smolt production and/or abundance of adult steelhead within any stream, the effects of downstream (including Great Lakes) harvests or post-spawning harvest, or any other relevant scientific information relevant to steelhead, at least 60

days before the meeting. The notices required under this Paragraph shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

#### XI. ELK AND BEAR HARVESTS

11.1 By May 30 of each year, the State shall notify the Tribes and the United States of the numbers and geographic distribution of either-sex and cow-only elk permits it intends to issue in the coming year. The notices shall be sent via facsimile and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

11.2 Within 30 days of receipt of the notices required by Paragraph 11.1 of this Protocol, the Tribes shall notify the State and the United States of the number and geographical distribution of either-sex and cow-only elk permits they intend to issue in the coming year. The notices required under this Paragraph shall be sent via facsimile and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

11.3 If the State has concerns about the geographic distribution of Tribal elk permits, the State and the Tribes shall consult to resolve such concerns in order to ensure that the geographic distribution of the permits is consistent with the State's management objectives, as provided in Paragraph 17.2 of the Decree. Upon the request of any Tribe, the MDNR Director or his or her authorized representative shall meet with Tribal representatives to seek to resolve such concerns. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 11.3.

11.4 On or before January 1 of each year, the State and the Tribes shall meet to discuss appropriate bear management within the 1836 Ceded Territory, including harvest levels and the geographic distribution of the harvest for the upcoming year, and shall make best efforts to

achieve a consensus regarding such levels and distribution as provided in Paragraph 17.2 of the Decree. Upon request of any Tribe, the State shall provide a written summary of the basis for its management strategy to the Tribes and the United States at least 30 days in advance of such meeting. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 11.4.

## XII. LAKE STURGEON

12.1 The State and the Tribes shall discuss strategies for rehabilitating lake sturgeon populations at the meeting provided for in Paragraph 15.2 of this Protocol. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 12.1.

12.2 If the State or any Tribe believes that lake sturgeon recovery allows for harvest of a lake sturgeon population in the 1836 Ceded Territory, it shall notify all other Parties of the basis for its position and propose a regulation and/or allocation to allow for such harvest. The notices required by this Paragraph shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notice) of this Protocol.

12.3 Upon the request of the State or any Tribe, the State and the Tribes shall meet within 30 days of receipt of a notice provided under Paragraph 12.2 of this Protocol to discuss whether the lake sturgeon population identified in the notice can withstand harvest and, if so, an appropriate regulation and/or allocation to allow for such harvest. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 12.3.

## XIII. EMERGENCY CLOSURES

13.1 The State and the Tribes shall notify each other and the United States in writing as soon as practicable when concerns arise regarding the need for emergency closures of Harvesting

Activities under Paragraph 10.8 of the Decree. The notices required by this Paragraph shall identify with specificity the biological or public health or safety concerns giving rise to a need for an emergency closure and the extent of the proposed closure, provide appropriate supporting documentation, and be sent via facsimile and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

13.2 Upon receipt of a notice provided under Paragraph 13.1 of this Protocol, the State and the Tribes shall meet as soon as practicable to consult regarding the need for such closures. Upon the request of any Tribe, the MDNR Director or his or her authorized representative shall attend the meeting. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 13.2.

#### XIV. USE OF STATE LANDS

14.1 The Tribes and the State shall meet within 90 days of entry of the Decree to discuss and determine the location of those State lands that are suitable for each of the following activities by Tribal members: (a) collection of maple sap and production of maple sap and sugar; (b) firewood collection; (c) conifer bough collection; (d) collection of black ash, basswood and ironwood; and (e) collection of white birch bark.

14.2 The State lands designated for each of the activities listed in Paragraph 14.1 of this Protocol shall be reviewed by the Tribes and the State at least every five (5) years to determine whether such lands continue to be suitable for the activity.

14.3 On or before February 1 of each year, the Tribes and the State shall meet to determine: (a) for sugar bush activities involving more than 12 trees on State lands, the number of Tribal permits to be available, the number of trees and trees per acre that may be tapped, and the number of temporary structures that may be erected; (b) the number of Tribal permits

available for harvest of black ash, basswood, or ironwood on State lands, whether separate permits are required for each species, and the total number of trees and trees per acre that may be harvested by Tribal permittees on State lands; (c) the number of Tribal permits available for the harvest of white birch bark on State lands, and the total number of trees and trees per acre that may be harvested by Tribal permittees on State lands; and (d) the impact of white birch bark collection on State lands to the resource and the need to revise collection restrictions on State lands.

14.4. The Tribes shall conduct the meetings and discussions required by Paragraphs 14.1 through 14.3 of this Protocol with the local office of the MDNR with management responsibility for the State lands at issue. If the Tribes and the local office of the MDNR are unable to reach agreement on the matters under discussion, the MDNR Director or his or her authorized representative shall consult with the Tribes in an effort to resolve the matter. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in the meetings and discussions required under Paragraphs 14.1 through 14.3 of this Protocol or in any consultations under this Paragraph 14.4.

14.5 The State shall notify the Tribes and the United States in writing as soon as possible of any proposal to permanently close an approved access road or trail, and in any event shall notify the Tribes and the United States at least 90 days before approving any such proposal. The notices required under this Paragraph shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol. Upon the request of any Tribe, the State shall respond in writing to any questions the Tribes may have regarding the proposal, and shall meet with the Tribes to discuss the proposal, its effects on the exercise of the Tribes' rights under the Decree, and possible alternatives to the proposal. The meeting shall take

place within 60 days of the date of the notice provided to the Tribes and the United States under this Paragraph. Upon the request of any Tribe, the MDNR Director or his or her authorized representative shall attend the meeting. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph. In the event that the State establishes a program for seasonal closures of approved access roads or trails, the State shall notify the Tribes and the United States of any proposed seasonal closures and consult with the Tribes regarding such proposals in accordance with the provisions of this Paragraph 14.5.

14.6 A Tribe shall consult with the local MDNR forest manager before issuing a permit to construct a temporary structure on State Forest land if the structure is larger than 100 square feet. The Tribe shall consider the concerns of the local MDNR forest manager, and make such revisions to the proposed temporary structure permit as are needed to address the expressed concerns. The Tribe shall not issue such a permit without the concurrence of the local MDNR forest manager. However, if the Tribe and the local MDNR forest manager are unable to reach agreement regarding the permit, upon request of the Tribe the MDNR Director or his or her authorized representative shall consult with the Tribe in an effort to resolve the matter.

#### XV. INFORMATION SHARING AND CONSULTATION REGARDING ASSESSMENT, RESTORATION, RECLAMATION, AND ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES

15.1 On or before April 1 each year and at other times as necessary, the State and the Tribes shall notify each other and the United States in writing of new proposals for assessment, restoration, reclamation, and enhancement activities relating to wildlife and plant resources in the inland portion of the 1836 Ceded Territory for the 12-month period starting October 1 of such year. On or before March 1 each year and at other times as necessary, the State and the Tribes shall notify each other and the United States in writing of new proposals for assessment, restoration, reclamation, and enhancement activities relating to fisheries resources in the inland

portion of the 1836 Ceded Territory for the 12-month period starting April 1 of such year. The notices required under this Paragraph shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

15.2 Within 60 days of receipt of the notices required under Paragraph 15.1 of this Protocol, the State and the Tribes shall meet to review new proposals for State and Tribal assessment, restoration, reclamation, and enhancement activities in order to minimize or avoid duplication of effort and to prevent interference with such activities. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 15.2.

15.3 If the State intends to object to a Tribal proposal for an assessment, restoration, reclamation, or enhancement activity under Section XXI (Assessment Activities) or Section XXII (Restoration, Reclamation, and Enhancement Projects) of the Decree, it shall notify the affected Tribe or Tribes and the United States of its objection at least two weeks in advance of the meeting provided for in Paragraph 15.2 above, and the MDNR Director or his or her authorized representative shall either attend the meeting or consult with the affected Tribe or Tribes regarding the objection thereafter. The affected Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 15.3.

15.4 In the event of a change in the State's or the Tribes' assessment plans after the meeting provided for in Paragraph 15.2, the State and the Tribes shall notify each other of such changes as soon as practicable but no later than 24 hours before conducting the changed activity. The notices required under this Paragraph shall be sent via facsimile and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

## XVI. INFORMATION SHARING AND CONSULTATION REGARDING NATURAL RESOURCES, HARVEST DATA, AND HARVEST REGULATIONS

16.1 Unless otherwise provided in the Decree, the State and the Tribes shall exchange and provide to the United States in writing the following information pertaining to the inland portion of the 1836 Ceded Territory at least 60 days before the annual meeting of the Executive Council: (a) the results of assessment activities; (b) a summary of State and Tribal permits issued and harvest and effort data; (c) a summary of any other data and a copy of any reports regarding the condition of the resources; and (d) proposals for regulatory changes (including proposed changes in management units or methodologies for determining the allowable harvest of any species, and proposals to authorize harvests of species that could not lawfully be harvested under State law as of October 2006). In addition, upon request of the State or any Tribe, the State and the Tribes shall provide the information required in Paragraph 23.4 of the Decree regarding any existing regulation, management unit, or allowable harvest methodology. The foregoing information shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

16.2 At or in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Executive Council, the State and the Tribes shall meet and consult regarding the information exchanged under Paragraph 16.1 of this Protocol. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 16.2.

16.3 If the State intends to object to a Tribal proposal for a regulatory change under Paragraph 26.2 of the Decree or a Tribe's refusal to make a regulatory change requested by the State under Paragraph 26.3 of the Decree, it shall notify the affected Tribe or Tribes and the United States of the basis for its objection at least 14 days in advance of the meeting provided for



in Paragraph 16.2 of this Protocol, and the MDNR Director or his or her authorized representative shall attend the meeting.

16.4 A Party producing data or reports under Paragraph 16.1 of this Protocol shall retain ownership of such data and reports and no other Party shall publish or otherwise disseminate such data or reports without the prior written approval of the producing Party, except as required by law or as necessary in connection with the resolution of a dispute under the Decree, *provided* that if the producing Party makes such data or reports available to the public, the other Parties may use such data or reports in a manner consistent with applicable copyright protections.

#### XVII. WILDLIFE SPECIES FOR WHICH THE STATE DOES NOT CURRENTLY PERMIT HUNTING

17.1 If a Tribe desires to authorize its members to harvest a wildlife species that cannot lawfully be harvested under State law as of October 2006, the Tribe shall notify the State, the other Tribes, and the United States of its desire to do so in accordance with Section XXV (Wildlife Species for Which the State Currently Does Not Permit Hunting) of the Decree. The notice shall set forth the bases for the Tribe's belief that the species is biologically capable of withstanding harvest, the Tribe's proposed harvest regulations for the species, and, if the species is a game species under Michigan law as of October 2006, the Tribe's interest in harvesting the species and shall include appropriate supporting documentation. The notices required under this Paragraph shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

17.2 The State shall respond in writing to a notice provided under Paragraph 17.1 of this Protocol within 60 days of receipt of the notice and shall provide a copy of its response to all of the Tribes and the United States. If the State intends to object to the Tribe's proposal to

authorize harvest of the species or the Tribe's proposed harvest regulations, the State shall set forth the bases for its objection and any proposed alternative harvest regulations for the species in its response and shall include appropriate supporting documentation. The State's response shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified in Section XVIII (Notices) of this Protocol.

17.3 Upon request, the State and the Tribes shall meet within 60 days after the Tribes receive the State's response to discuss the Tribes' proposal and the State's response, and the State and the Tribes shall make best efforts to reach consensus regarding the Tribe's proposed harvest. The Tribes may request the assistance of the United States in any discussions with the State under this Paragraph 17.3.

#### XVIII. NOTICES

18.1 Unless changed in accordance with Paragraph 18.2 of this Protocol, the notices required by this Protocol shall be provided to the following persons and addresses:

Bay Mills Indian Community:

All notices shall be sent to:

President, Executive Council  
Bay Mills Indian Community  
12140 W. Lakeshore Dr.  
Brimley, MI 49715  
phone: (906) 248 3241  
fax: (906) 248 3283

Tribal Attorney  
Bay Mills Indian Community  
12140 W. Lakeshore Dr.  
Brimley, MI 49715  
phone: (906) 248 3241  
fax: (906) 248 3283

Biological Services Director  
Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission

P.O. Box 9  
Odanah, WI 54861  
phone: (715) 682 6619  
fax: (715) 682 9294

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians:

All notices shall be sent to:

Tribal Chair  
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians  
2605 N. West Bay Shore Drive  
Peshawbestown, MI 49682  
phone: (231) 534-7750  
fax: (231) 534-7010

Natural Resources Department  
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians  
2605 N. West Bay Shore Drive  
Peshawbestown, MI 49682  
phone: (231) 534-7500  
fax: (231) 534-7576

Legal Department  
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians  
2605 N. West Bay Shore Drive  
Peshawbestown, MI 49682  
phone: (231) 534-7610  
fax: (231) 534-7600

William Rastetter  
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420 East Front Street  
Traverse City, MI 49686  
phone: (231) 946-0044  
fax: (231) 946-4807

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians:

All notices shall be sent to:

Director, Natural Resources Department  
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
159 Brick Yard Rd.  
Manistee, MI 49660  
phone: (231) 398 2183

fax: (231) 398 8873

Senior Inland Fish Biologist  
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
159 Brick Yard Rd.  
Manistee, MI 49660  
phone: (231) 398 2193  
fax: (231) 398 8873

Senior Wildlife Biologist  
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
159 Brick Yard Rd.  
Manistee, MI 49660  
phone: (231) 398 2187; (231) 398 2188  
fax: (231) 398 8873

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians:

All notices should be sent to:

Tribal Chairperson  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
phone: (231) 242 1402  
fax: (231) 242 1412

LTBB Natural Resources Director  
7845 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
phone: (231) 242 1678  
fax: (231) 242 1690

LTBB General Counsel  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
phone: (231) 242 1405  
fax: (231) 242 1415

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians:

All notices shall be sent to:

Tribal Chairperson

523 Ashmun Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
phone: (906) 635 6050  
fax: (906) 632 6587

Conservation Committee Chairperson  
523 Ashmun Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
phone: (906) 635 6050  
fax: (906) 632 6587

General Counsel  
523 Ashmun Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
phone: (906) 635 6050  
fax: (906) 632 6587

State of Michigan:

All Notices shall be sent to the Director of the MDNR; the appropriate MDNR Division Chief; and the Department of Attorney General, Division Chief of the Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Division.

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Chief of MDNR Law Enforcement Division  
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Michigan Department of Attorney General  
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Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building  
1 Federal Drive  
Fort Snelling, MN 55111

Regional Director  
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Regional Office  
Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, Room 550  
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Office of the Solicitor  
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18.2 The Parties shall exchange and update email addresses for each person identified in this Section XVIII (Notices). Any Party may change the persons through or addresses at which it is to receive notices under this Protocol by notifying all other Parties in writing of the change. A notice under this Paragraph 18.2 shall be sent via first class and electronic mail to the persons and addresses identified under this Section XVIII (Notices).